

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PROPOSED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: February 16, 2006 to March 15, 2006

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Carlsbad Unified School District's (CUSD) future Southeast Elementary School site. This workplan addresses the mitigation of methane gas found in the fill and native soil at the proposed Southeast Elementary School Site. The proposed site is located northeast of the intersection of Poinsettia Lane and Mica Avenue in Carlsbad. During the site investigation, methane gas was detected in the fill and native soil in concentrations exceeding DTSC health risk levels and/or standards for school sites. Therefore CUSD proposes to install a methane vapor barrier below each of the seven new buildings and perform periodic monitoring of a vent system and multi-fixed probes surrounding the buildings. DTSC has prepared a Draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on human health and the environment because of the controlled manner in which the methane mitigation system will be installed and methane gas is vented.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed methane gas mitigation system during the thirty (30) day public comment period which starts on February 16, 2006 and ends on March 15, 2006. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Mr. Steven Hariri, Project Manager, at the DTSC address listed below, and must be postmarked **by March 15, 2006**.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Carlsbad Unified School District Office, 6225 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, and at the City of Carlsbad Public Library, 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad. Also, site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Contact: Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact **Ms. Jeanne Matsumoto, DTSC Public Participation Specialist**, at (714) 484-5338 or email: jmatsumoto@dtsc.ca.gov. For media inquiries, please call **DTSC Public Information Officer, Sandra Friedman** at (714) 484-5383 or email: sfriedma@dtsc.ca.gov